



# HARMONY JUBILEE

Champions in Song  
A Chorus in Celebration

2010 International  
Quartet Champions



STORM FRONT

2024 International  
Quartet Champions



3 & A HALF MEN



TICKETS:  
\$15 in Advance  
\$20 @ the Door  
\$5 Student

**April 18, 2026 - 4 pm**  
Centerville, SD Gymnasium

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## First Communion Class Baking Bread!



FUN!



THANK YOU to all involved in the Living Last Supper!  
It was Amazing!  
What a wonderful way to use your talents to honor God!

Romans 13:1

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

We Americans have a long tradition of challenging authority. The birth of the Republic began with such a challenge so it should come as no surprise that we do not take this verse except with a large grain of salt. Too many abuses pepper the history of "governing authorities." It has become customary for us to question authority when we disagree with it. But, like all customs and traditions, the application of what is customary may be motivated by less than admirable desires. Paul is addressing the natural human tendency to rebel against proper authority. A human tendency, I might add, that was bread into the bone of who we are from that first moment of rebellion in the Garden of Eden. Paul here is not addressing the issue of authority misused. We can see this in his definition of what proper authority is in verses 3-5. Proper authority rewards the good and punishes the evil. Paul assumes this as the common backdrop, the common experience even in the Roman Empire of his day. The persecutions of Nero had not yet broken out and there was no overarching government policy yet in place that stigmatized the Christian community. This would come later. Yet it is still fair to say that there was a good deal of unfairness in the application of the law in the Roman Empire. It was a mixed bag in the Mediterranean world and depending on the local authorities and what class or minority group you belonged to, "authority" might be experienced differently.

Now, since all human governments are a mixture of proper and improper exercises in authority, the question is always, "Where is the tipping point – the point where the bad or improper outweighs the good or proper?" The founders of our nation explicitly stated that this determination was to be left up to the people as a whole and that the right to change, overturn, revolt against what might be deemed illegitimate authority rested in the nation as a whole. Paul does not address that scenario here, but I am willing to guess that he knew this. Paul was not unaware of his own Hebrew history outlined in the Bible, nor could such a scholar as Paul have been unaware that the Roman Republic had begun with the overthrow of the last of the Latin kings in favor of rule by the Senate.

Paul is addressing a bigger issue – the heart issue of rebellion. You see, one of the things that sin does to us is that it gives us a taste, a thirst for autonomy, that is, self-rule. We want to be our own gods and goddesses. Knowing we are free in Christ may lead to the foolish assumption that we can now do just whatever we please. After all did not God just set us free from the Law? One of the things that Luther had to deal with in his day as the consequence of his preaching about freedom in Christ was the Peasant's War (1525). Did Luther make the right call in advocating the suppression of this revolt? People differ

on that issue today and it is hard to know all the facts "on the ground" to make that call 500 years after the event. But Luther, like Paul, was keenly aware of the internal human condition in our propensity to rebel. All power/authority (the word here may be translated either way) is ultimately derived from God. And we may further assume that any government presently in power is there by no mere accident. God is fully aware and has allowed such to come to pass. In other words, our default position should be to assume the legitimacy of governing authority until proven otherwise. "Trust but verify" is the cliché that may best fit our American temperate.

I am afraid it is just too easy to brand authority as illegitimate simply because we don't like the rules or because we don't like those in power. That attitude does not work for the Christian. In a world where we see many upset with our own leaders and entire countries like Iran where it has become clear that the governing authorities have been shown to be illegitimate, we must look to our model, King Jesus, whose authority and power is above all. Yet, what a Servant! Let us not be too quick to condemn, but do let us be quick to stand against the fraudulent. Let us not descend into the perverseness of insisting we are the heroic, the righteous, the standard of goodness, but let us rise to affirm the right principles of mercy and truth as seen in our Servant King, Christ.

Blessings,  
Vicar Brent

**Sympathy to the family of  
Virginia Rist**

Born 6/11/1940  
Died 2/26/2026  
Funeral 3/5/2026



**Sympathy to the family of  
James Victory Carlson**

Born 8/13/1943  
Died 3/17/2026  
Funeral 3/21/2026



# APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			11:15am CCRC <sup>1</sup> Worship Service	9:30am Coffee <sup>2</sup> Hour 7:00pm Maundy Thursday	3 7:00pm Good Friday	8:00am Men's <sup>4</sup> Bible Study
8:30am Easter <sup>5</sup> Sunday/Breakfast	9:30am Coffee <sup>6</sup> Hour	7	11:15am CCRC <sup>8</sup> Worship Service 5:30pm & 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30 Rachel Circle	9	10	8:00am Men's <sup>11</sup> Bible Study 10:30 Brent Bible Study
8:45am Pancakes <sup>12</sup> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Humor Sunday Worship	9:30am Coffee <sup>13</sup> Hour	14	11:15am CCRC <sup>15</sup> Worship Service 5:30pm & 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30 Council	16	17	8:00am Men's <sup>18</sup> Bible Study
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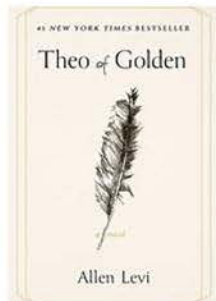
## FROM THE PAGES OF THE LIBRARY

We are blessed to receive book donations to add to the inventory in our library. Some are anonymous, some come with names attached. However they come, we are grateful. Heidi Mark and family donated a couple of book series that have been put on the shelves. They are:

The Brides of the West series (five books) by Lori Copeland and Heirs of Montana series (four books) by Tracie Peterson

Char Adamson donated a novel that I have had the pleasure to read, Theo of Golden by Allen Levi.

Summary/Review by Amazon: One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.



Coming soon - New books and information for the Summer Reading Program! Stay tuned!

Roxanne Evans, Scandia Librarian



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hopefully you have had a meaningful Lenten season and have been able to participate in our Wednesday evening Lenten services, as well as our weekly worship. This season invites us to slow down, reflect, and draw closer in faith.

We also hope you experienced *The Living Last Supper* presentation. It was a powerful reminder of Christ's journey and the depth of His love for us.

As we now enter Holy Week, I encourage you to join us for these special services, culminating in Easter Sunday morning. It is a time to come together in worship, reflection, and celebration.

In the midst of all that life brings, may we each find renewed hope in the resurrection—reminding us that light overcomes darkness, and new life is always possible.

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!  
See you in church.

Chuck Oster

**Easter Service will be at 8:30am on April 5.**

**The church will be decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers.**

**If you would like to bring one to share, please have it to the church by 12:00 on Saturday April 4! church.**

**All are Welcome!**

**Let's fill the pews as we celebrate the resurrection of our**



M & M is on April 26 at 6:00pm.

There is a sign up sheet going around.

If last minute it works to come, but you didn't sign up, come anyway!!

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Scandia Council held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, following the Lenten Service. Council members present included Chuck Oster, Daniel Knutson, Ruth Stevens, Connie Petersen, Shane Rist, Char Adamson, Philip Christofferson, Vonnie Knutson, and Pastor Elan. Kory Muller and Joyce Vasgaard were not in attendance.

President Chuck Oster called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Council reviewed the Secretary's minutes from the February 18, 2026, meeting and Financial Reports for February. Motion by Char, second by Vonnie to approve February minutes and financial reports, motion carried.

**President's Report:** Chuck reported that the recent Synod meeting was helpful and noted Synod stresses the council should focus on following the mission of the church.

Chuck indicated that he has been approached by a member about enhancements to the Fellowship Hall altar, specifically, they would like to donate funds to add a cross and an altar cloth. Chuck's Cabinets in Viborg has been contacted to prepare a design for enhancements to the altar. When received, the design will be reviewed for approval before moving forward.

Chuck also provided an update to the council regarding insurance coverage for the stained-glass windows. He recommends that the church obtain specific insurance for the windows rather than raising the building's overall insured value. Chuck will collaborate with the insurance company and will report his findings to the council.

**Pastor's Report:** A copy of Pastor Elan's report was given to council members. Thanks to everyone who helped out during my illness, especially Rev. Dr. Carroll Marohl and Dr. Darrell Mark, who preached and helped out in so many ways.

7th- and 8th-Grade Confirmation, plus others attending the midweek services. Dr. Darrell Mark is offering fantastic teaching/lessons on the Five Solas. These have been very well attended. (Average attendance 60). These are very well done and something for all ages. I am interested in hearing what others think about continuing evening worship opportunities on Wednesday nights after confirmation ends (May 6th, 2026)

First Communion Classes are in progress. There are 11 kids and their parents. We had to cancel this past Sunday due to weather concerns. This Sunday, we will continue following the church service. On the following Sunday, we will be making bread. We will be having communion at the altar rail on Maundy Thursday.

Donation to the church of tablecloths and other items from the family of Tootie Begeman Brent and I donated a new color printer to the church. It is in the church office.

We are hosting M and M this Sunday, March 22, at 5 at the parsonage. Corned Beef and Cabbage with a nod to the Irish. In February, we hosted M and M with individual heart-shaped meatloaves.

January 6, Brent and I hosted Epiphany at the Parsonage for the SE Conference Pastors. On March 3, Scandia Lutheran hosted the SE Pastors Conference in the Fellowship Hall. Brent and I served lasagna and salad.

Text study in Vermillion: weekly on Tuesdays. Weekly Wednesday services at CCRC with Holy Communion once a month. Men's Bible Breakfast is studying the Book of Genesis. We record them so they can be accessed on Facebook. Adult Bible Study meets on the 1st

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and 3rd Sundays at 1:30 pm at the Parsonage. Grief Recovery Classes are held weekly on Thursday afternoons at Parsonage. (We recently changed the time back to 4:00 PM.) Also on Thursday: 3rd Thursday, Dean's call, Support Ministry.

### Reports:

Education – First Communion classes are being held, and chalices have been painted. First Communion is on April 2, 2026. The 2026-2027 Sunday School calendar is being put together.

Ministry Team (Mission/Fellowship/Stewardship) – a light lunch is being served after Lenten Services.

Property – filters have been changed and dated. Spring cleanup was set for May 2 with an alternate date of May 9.

Worship and Music – committee is meeting to pick hymns for the next 2-3 months. "Living Last Supper" will be presented at Scandia on Sunday, March 29, at 5:00 pm.

**Old business:** Daniel reported that he had asked the company that installed the screens for media system to provide a bid on equipment (TV and speakers) for the fellowship hall. They are also going to hook up the TV in the family room and it is hoped that the audio will go through the TV.

Council was asked whether it is necessary to change the church office lock and maintain a list of key holders. Training ushers and others on how to lock the church after Sunday services and use the Lift System when necessary was discussed.

**New business:** Scandia Holy Week services - Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm; Good Friday Service will be April 3 at 7:00 pm; Easter Sunday Service April 5 at 8:30 am with breakfast served after the service.

Council discussed when to hold Spring Cleanup. It was decided to set the cleanup for May 2 with an alternate date of May 9 in case of inclement weather.

Council was informed that it has been approved to hold "Humor Sunday" again this year in honor of Deb Diercks.

Council discussed the Synod incentive for playground/child-friendly atmosphere.

Connie informed the council that she will be out of town from March 21 through April 1, and will be having a medical procedure in early April and will need help collecting offerings. Daniel indicated that he would be able to collect offering from services during that timeframe.

Council discussed finding someone to serve as the "tech person" for the church to update and maintain Facebook and Webpage.

Shane Rist volunteered to sweep the parking lot areas and the cement sidewalks if the council approves. Council approved having Shane use his sweeper on the parking lot and sidewalks.

The next council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 pm. Daniel will give devotions.

President Chuck Oster adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Stevens, Council Secretary

**SIGN UP** for Summer Camp!!

The brochures are on the board by the office or on line  
www.inspirationhills.org  
www.shetek.org.  
www.campoffice@myslcc.com

Scandia gives \$100.00 to help with camperships.



Please donate towards some of these on going needs/projects on Scandia's wish list.

- Fellowship Hall Carpet
- Paint the Sanctuary
- Clean and /or replace chair coverings in Fellowship Hall
- Outside Landscaping
- Replace carpeting on outside ramp
- Automatic Door Opener for south entry

If you would like to get your newsletter emailed to you please call the office or text Sherrie at 605-530-7910. We have been having problems with the email that we hope to have resolved. You may get the email from scandialutherangmail.com until Quint gets the email problem fixed. Thank you for your understanding.

**Our text messaging service** enables you to receive announcements directly to your phone via text message. Text **"Scandia to 94000"** to opt in. **"Prayer Chain to 94000"** or **"Confirmation to 94000"**  
If you have questions, please contact Sherrie (605-530-7910).

**Our Prayer Concerns;** Connie Petersen; Julie Leslie; Julie Junker; Jean (Paul) Peterson; Stacy Knudson; Floyd Anderson; Joan Knutson; Troy Evans & Beverly Evans Cox (Kathy Anderson's cousins); Jordon Hussey; Jayne Ratzlaff & Gary Johnson (Steven's relations); Annette Sarringer; Adam Nelson; Amy (Norling) Peterson; Elaine Tatge (Floyd Anderson's sister); Curtis & Patti Tesch in hospice (Kathleen Blake's brother & sister-in-law); Nebraska people effected by fires; World Leaders; those whom we name in our heart.

**Altar Guild**  
Jen Knudson &  
Sherrie Knudson  
**Communion Assistants**  
Warren & Cheryl Drew

**USHERS for April**  
5 Andy & Janna Mark family  
12 Matt & Nichole Bendert  
19 Steve & Vonni Knutson  
26 Cody Carstensen & Family

**READERS for April**  
5 Jeannie Meyer Hoagland  
12 Becky Moore  
19 Vonni Knutson  
26 Cody Carstensen



If you would be able to usher a Sunday in April please call Allen Skotvold (605-359-9793).

**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE for April**  
5 Aubry Hafner-Gerken & Ellie Mark  
12 Walker Bendert & Drew Moore  
19 Jace & Carter Muller  
26 Isaiah Perry & Oakley Martz



This is a requirement for your confirmation. If you cannot acolyte when you are scheduled, you must find your own replacement and let the church office (563.2458) know by Thursday so it can be posted right in the bulletin.

**If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is wrong, please call the office @ 605-563-2458 or call /text Sherrie 605-530-7910. Thank you for your patience!**

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Pancakes 8:45am

Sunday School 9:15am

Worship 10:30am

Pastor

Elan Ashby

507-828-9514

Office Administrator:

Sherrie Knudson

## April BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

happy birthday



### April 2

Nick Laska

Emma Birgen

### April 3

Bo Van Hull

Colby Van Essen

### April 4

Katie Knudson

### April 5

Deb Goodin

Joshua Peterson

### April 6

Chelsa Bohlmann

Tyrell Martz

### April 9

Jeana Austin

Aubrey Hafer-

Gerken

### April 10

Colleen Buckneberg

Cierra Van Essen

Logan Bobzin

Marlee Nelsen

### April 12

Bryer Martz

### April 13

Brad Preheim

JuLynn Perry

### April 14

Steve Knutson

### April 19

Carroll Marohl

Chuck Bertrand

Jaquelynn Skotvold

### April 20

Neal Bobzin

### April 21

Aubriana Swift

### April 22

Sheila Gust

### April 24

David Stevens

### April 25

Sara Poppenga

Ava Carstensen

### April 26

Sherrie Knudson

Kristen Birgen

Natalie Moore

### April 28

Tessa Eide

### April 29

Robin Pickard

Jessie Lunning

Caroline Olson

### April 30

Ellie Mark



### April 12

Lee & Gina Barrows

### April 21

Todd & Jeana Austin

### April 22

Troy & Jen Knudson

### April 28

Jamie & Jill Poppenga

### April 29

Dwight & Shanda Beeler

